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**AGENDA OF REGULAR MEETING OF
THE MERIT SYSTEM BOARD
MARCH 22, 2006**

**Rolando Torres, Jr., Chairman
Flavella Branham
John Currie
Margaret E.L. Howard
Robert Long**

SECTION A – HEARING MATTERS

A-1 SETTLEMENTS

In the Matter of Township of Belleville
Department of Public Works
Layoff

In the Matter of Jimmy Carter
The College of New Jersey
Resignation not in good standing

In the Matter of Henry Espejo
Northern State Prison
Department of Corrections
Removal

In the Matter of Susan Graf
County of Burlington
Medical Examiner
Suspension

In the Matter of William Och, Jr.
Middle Township School District
Removal

In the Matter of James O'Donnell
Division of Youth and Family Services
Department of Human Services
Suspension

In the Matter of Shaun M. Reilly
Department of Community Affairs
Removal

In the Matter of Susan Vanaman
Salem County
Department of Weights and Measures
Removal

**RECOMMENDATION OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE IN THE
ABOVE CASES – SETTLEMENT**

ACTION:

A-2 LINDA LOVE

Linda Love, Examination Technician, Motor Vehicle Commission, indefinite suspension pending disposition of criminal charges.

Recommendation of the Administrative Law Judge – Grant motion to dismiss the appeal.

ACTION:

A-3 THOMAS M. LYNCH

Thomas M. Lynch, Police Officer, Township of Voorhees, Department of Public Safety, 84-hour suspension on charges of incompetency, inefficiency, failure to perform duties, insubordination, conduct unbecoming a public employee, neglect of duty and other sufficient cause.

Recommendation of the Administrative Law Judge – Modify the 84-hour suspension to a three-day suspension.

ACTION:

A-4 FRANCISCO ORTIZ

Francisco Ortiz, Police Officer, City of Newark, Police Department, 12-day suspension on charges of violation of Police Department rules and regulations regarding obedience to orders, care of property and neglect of duty.

Recommendation of the Administrative Law Judge - Modify the 12-day suspension to a 30-day suspension.

ACTION:

A-5 THOMAS STEIMLE

Thomas Steimle, Senior Parole Officer, New Jersey State Parole Board, 13-day suspension on charges of conduct unbecoming a public employee and reporting to work unfit for duty.

Recommendation of the Administrative Law Judge – Modify the 13-day suspension to a five-day suspension.

ACTION:

A-6 LAVELLE DAVIS

Lavelle Davis, Building Maintenance Worker, Newark Housing Authority, removal effective December 22, 2003, on the charge of conduct unbecoming a public employee.

Recommendation of the Administrative Law Judge - Uphold the removal.

ACTION:

A-7 COREY L. DICKSON

Corey L. Dickson, Equipment Operator, City of Paterson, Department of Public Works, removal on charges of conduct unbecoming a public employee, neglect of duty and other sufficient cause.

Recommendation of the Administrative Law Judge - Dismiss the appeal without prejudice.

ACTION:

A-8 JEFFREY MARSHALL

Jeffrey Marshall, Police Sergeant, City of Newark, Police Department, ten removals effective May 10, 2002, on charges of incompetency, inefficiency, failure to perform duties, neglect of duty, conduct unbecoming a public employee, other sufficient cause and violation of Police Department rules and regulations.

Recommendation of the Administrative Law Judge - Dismiss the appeal.

ACTION:

A-9 JENNIFER MORTIMER

Jennifer Mortimer, County Correction Officer, Burlington County Jail, removal effective June 7, 2005, on charges of chronic or excessive absenteeism or lateness, time and attendance policy, and resignation not in good standing.

Recommendation of the Administrative Law Judge - Reverse the removal.

ACTION:

A-10 ALICE WOART

Alice Woart, Human Services Assistant, Woodbridge Developmental Center, Department of Human Services, removal effective March 8, 2005, on the charge of abuse of a client.

Recommendation of the Administrative Law Judge - Reverse the removal.

ACTION:

A-11 DEBORAH WREDE (REMAND)

Deborah Wrede, Practical Nurse, Greystone Psychiatric Hospital, Department of Human Services, removal effective September 4, 2003, on the charge of serious mistake due to carelessness which could result in danger to persons/property.

Recommendation of the Administrative Law Judge – Uphold the removal.

ACTION:

A-12 MARY BETH MAHLMANN

Mary Beth Mahlmann, an Acting Sergeant First Class with the State Police, appealed the determination of the Attorney General, stating that she failed to present sufficient evidence to support a finding that she had been subjected to violations of the New Jersey State Policy Prohibiting Discrimination, Harassment, or Hostile Environments in the Workplace. This matter was held over from the November 3, 2005 Merit System Board meeting.

Recommendation of the Administrative Law Judge – Award back pay with interest from May 1998 for the ranks of Lieutenant and Captain and promote the appellant to the rank of Captain.

Subsequent to the issuance of the ALJ's decision, the parties entered into a Settlement Agreement.

ACTION:

SECTION B – MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS

B-1 CHERYL L. HAMLETT-FISHER

Cheryl L. Hamlett-Fisher appeals her rejection as a Police Officer by the City of East Orange and its request to remove her name from the eligible list for Police Officer (S9999F) on the basis of medical unfitness to perform effectively the duties of the position.

ACTION:

B-2 VINCENT A. HEALEY

Vincent A. Healey appeals his rejection as a Juvenile Detention Officer by Monmouth County and its request to remove his name from the eligible list for Juvenile Detention Officer (C0297F) on the basis of medical unfitness to perform effectively the duties of the position.

ACTION:

B-3 BENNY RAMOS

Benny Ramos appeals his rejection as a Police Officer by the City of Paterson and its request to remove his name from the eligible list for Police Officer (S9999F) on the basis of medical unfitness to perform effectively the duties of the position.

ACTION:

B-4 ASIA ATKINS

Asia Atkins, a Senior Correction Officer with New Jersey State Prison, Department of Corrections, represented by Henry J. Cistrelli, Esq., appeals the denial of sick leave injury (SLI) benefits.

ACTION:

B-5 LORENZO BOOTH

Lorenzo Booth, a Correction Sergeant with Mid-State Correctional Facility, Department of Corrections, appeals the denial of sick leave injury (SLI) benefits.

ACTION:

B-6 LINDA CASALE

Linda Casale, an Administrative Specialist 3 with the Judiciary, Vicinage 2, Bergen County, represented by Matthew D. Del Vento, Esq., appeals the denial of sick leave injury (SLI) benefits.

ACTION:

B-7 KATHLEEN CIOFFI

Kathleen Cioffi, a Supervising Family Services Specialist 1 with the Division of Youth and Family Services, Department of Human Services, appeals the denial of sick leave injury (SLI) benefits.

ACTION:

B-8 ALANA D'ANDREA

Alana D'Andrea, a Senior Correction Officer with the Central Reception and Assignment Facility, Department of Corrections, appeals the denial of sick leave injury (SLI) benefits.

ACTION:

B-9 ROBERT DAVIS

Robert Davis, a Senior Correction Officer with Albert C. Wagner Youth Correctional Facility, Department of Corrections, appeals the denial of sick leave injury (SLI) benefits.

ACTION:

B-10 WALETTE HOLMES

Walette Holmes, a Residential Living Specialist, Mental Health, with the Trenton Psychiatric Hospital, Department of Human Services, appeals the denial of sick leave injury (SLI) benefits.

ACTION:

B-11 WILLIAM LEE

William Lee, a Correction Officer Recruit with the Garden State Reception and Youth Correctional Facility, Department of Corrections, appeals the denial of sick leave injury (SLI) benefits.

ACTION:

B-12 ROBERT LOPER

Robert Loper, a Senior Correction Officer with Bayside State Prison, Department of Corrections, represented by Robert C. Wolf, Esq., appeals the denial of sick leave injury (SLI) benefits.

ACTION:

B-13 KENNETH MCKEEL

Kenneth McKeel, a Senior Correction Officer with Northern State Prison, Department of Corrections, represented by Henry J. Cistrelli, Esq., appeals the denial of sick leave injury (SLI) benefits.

ACTION:

B-14 MIRTA MORALES

Mirta Morales, a Principal Clerk Typist, Bilingual in Spanish and English with the Department of Health and Senior Services, appeals the denial of sick leave injury (SLI) benefits.

ACTION:

B-15 DAVID WOODS

David Woods, a Crew Supervisor, Electrical Operations, with the Department of Transportation, appeals the denial of sick leave injury (SLI) benefits.

ACTION:

B-16 KEITH ZWICKER

Keith Zwicker, a Teacher 1, 12 months, with the Juvenile Justice Commission, Department of Law and Public Safety, appeals the denial of sick leave injury (SLI) benefits.

ACTION:

B-17 PAUL BURGER

Paul Burger appeals the decision of the Division of Human Resource Information Services which found that the appointing authority had presented a sufficient basis to remove his name from the eligible list for Human Services Specialist 1 (C0701F), Burlington County Board of Social Services on the basis that he failed to respond to the certification notice.

ACTION:

B-18 THOMAS PERNO

Thomas Perno, represented by Maurice W. McLaughlin, Esq., appeals the removal of his name from the Police Officer (S9999D), Borough of Elmwood Park, eligible list, on the basis of his falsification of his employment application.

ACTION:

B-19 DENISE ANGEL, EL AL.

The Department of the Treasury petitions the Merit System Board for reconsideration of the final decision, rendered on October 19, 2005, which upheld the determination that per the substitution clause for education, Denise Angel, Donna Keating, Kevin King, Nanci Patrizio, Jodi Punzi, Steven Williams and Leonard Willis did not meet the experience requirements for the promotional examination for Taxpayer Service Representative 2 (PS6001U), Department of the Treasury. Lori Sogness also appeals the determination of the Division of Selection Services that, per the substitution clause for education, she did not meet the experience requirements for the subject promotional examination.

ACTION:

B-20 JAMES CASSIDY

James Cassidy, a Police Sergeant with the Township of Scotch Plains, represented by Timothy R. Smith, Esq., petitions the Merit System Board for reconsideration of the final decision, rendered on December 15, 2004, which upheld his removal.

ACTION:

B-21 MARK COMPETELLO

The City of Hoboken, represented by Sean D. Dias, Esq., petitions the Merit System Board for reconsideration of its final decision, rendered on January 25, 2006, which ordered that the conditional appointments of Dennis Edgar, Edward Mecka, and Fred Ferrante be rescinded. The City also requests a stay of the Board's January 25, 2006 decision, pending a final determination regarding its request for reconsideration. In addition, Mark Competello requests enforcement of the Board's January 25, 2006 decision.

ACTION:

B-22 NICOLAS LAMBOY

The Equal Employment Division of the Department of Corrections, represented by Saju Mathews, Deputy Attorney General, petitions the Merit System Board for reconsideration of the final decision, rendered on September 7, 2005, which found that Patrick Pinder had subjected Nicolas Lamboy to a violation of the New Jersey State Policy Prohibiting Discrimination, Harassment or Hostile Environments in the Workplace. This matter was held over from the February 8, 2006 Merit System Board meeting.

ACTION:

B-23 DANIEL LOBUE

Daniel LoBue, represented by Bruce D. Leder, Esq., requests reconsideration of the final administrative determination in *In the Matter of Daniel LoBue, Police Captain (PM3549F), City of Hoboken* (MSB, decided February 9, 2005). This matter was held over from the March 8, 2006 Merit System Board meeting.

ACTION:

B-24 ANITA GREEN, ET AL.

Anita Green, Mary Jean Guillote, John Nelly, John McCormack and Warren Smith appeal the expiration date of the promotional list for Supervisor, Technical Services, Taxation (PS6000U), Department of the Treasury.

ACTION:

B-25 SENIOR ADMINISTRATIVE ANALYST (M6758D), CITY OF TRENTON

The appointing authority's failure to dispose of the certification for Senior Administrative Analyst (M6758D), City of Trenton, while a provisional is serving in the title, has been referred to the Merit System Board for enforcement.

ACTION:

B-26 SUPERVISING ADMINISTRATIVE ANALYST (PS1837I), DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS

The Department of Corrections requests permission not to make an appointment from the certification for Supervising Administrative Analyst (PS1837I).

ACTION:

B-27 TECHNICIAN 2, FISH, GAME AND WILDLIFE, DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

The Director, Division of Human Resource Management, requests the reallocation of the Technician 2, Fish, Game and Wildlife, Department of Environmental Protection title to the noncompetitive division of the career service on an interim basis.

ACTION:

B-28 DORIAN COOPER

The appeals of Dorian Cooper, a Security Officer with the Newark Housing Authority, of his 30-day suspension, commencing on February 19, 2003, and removal effective January 12, 2004, on charges, were heard by Administrative Law Judge Barry N. Frank, who rendered his initial decision on December 5, 2005. At its meeting on March 8, 2006, the Merit System Board did not adopt the ALJ's recommendation to dismiss the appellant's appeal of his 30-day suspension. Rather, the Board dismissed the charges and reversed the 30-day suspension. Further, the Board adopted the ALJ's recommendation to uphold the appellant's removal. The proposed decision is now submitted for the Board's review.

ACTION:**B-29 MICHAEL GONSALVES**

The appeal of Michael Gonsalves, a Senior Correction Officer with the Juvenile Justice Commission, Department of Law and Public Safety, of his removal, effective October 1, 2002, on charges, was heard by Administrative Law Judge Caridad F. Rigo, who rendered her initial decision on August 15, 2005. At its meeting on February 22, 2006, the Merit System Board did not adopt the ALJ's recommendation to reverse the removal. Rather, the Board upheld the removal. The proposed final decision is now submitted for the Board's review.

ACTION:**B-30 KAMBUI HANNIBAL**

The appeal of Kambui Hannibal, a Maintenance Repairer with the Atlantic City Housing Authority, of his removal, effective December 19, 2003, on charges, was heard by Administrative Law Judge Joseph F. Martone, who rendered his initial decision on February 2, 2006. At its meeting on March 8, 2006, the Merit System Board did not adopt the ALJ's recommendation to modify the appellant's removal to a six-month suspension. Rather, the Board upheld the removal. The proposed final decision is now submitted for the Board's review.

ACTION:**B-31 DARNELL STITH**

The appeal of Darnell Stith, a Senior Correction Officer with the Department of Corrections, of his removal, effective June 10, 2003, on charges, was heard by Administrative Law Judge Leslie Z. Celentano, who rendered her initial decision on January 19, 2006. At its meeting on March 8, 2006, the Merit System Board adopted the ALJ's recommendation to uphold the removal. The proposed final decision is now submitted for the Board's review.

ACTION:**B-32 DAWN TERRY**

The appeal of Dawn Terry, A Police Officer with the City of Newark, of her removal, effective April 30, 2002, on charges, was heard by Administrative Law Judge Stephen G. Weiss (ALJ), who rendered his initial decision on January 27, 2006. At its meeting on March 8, 2005, the Merit System Board adopted the ALJ's recommendation to uphold the removal. The proposed final decision is now submitted for the Board's review.

ACTION:**B-33 NANCY GUILAMO-GARCIA**

Nancy Guilamo-Garcia appeals the determination of the Division of Selection Services which found that, per the substitution clause for education, she did not meet the experience requirements for the promotional examination for Purchasing Assistant (PS6317P), Department of Law and Public Safety.

ACTION:**B-34 SUSAN MATISA**

Susan Matisa appeals the determination of the Division of Selection Services which found that, per the substitution clause for education, she was below the minimum requirements in experience for the promotional examination for Technical Assistant 2 (Treasury) (PS6377U), Division of State Lottery, Department of the Treasury.

ACTION:**B-35 THOMAS MYSLINSKI**

The Director of Human Resources, Department of Transportation, on behalf of Thomas Myslinski, appeals the determination of the Division of Selection Services which found that, per the substitution clause for education, he was below the minimum requirements in experience for the promotional examination for Senior Transportation Analyst, Emergency Management Coordination (PS5967T), Department of Transportation.

ACTION:

B-36 GLORIA E. OLEXA

Gloria E. Olexa appeals the determination of the Division of Selection Services which found that, per the substitution clause for education, she did not meet the experience requirements for the open-competitive examination for Social Worker (C1097G), Cape May County.

ACTION:

B-37 GLORIA F. TOBIN

Gloria F. Tobin, appeals the determination of the Division of Selection Services which found that, per the substitution clause for education, she did not meet the experience requirements for the promotional examination for Coordinator, Division of Motor Vehicles (PS5631T), Motor Vehicle Commission.

ACTION:

B-38 OGOCHUKWU AKPAN, ET AL.

Ogochukwu Akpan, Albert Green, Daniel Shipp Jr. and Thomas Wojtowicz appeal the determinations of the Division of Selection Services that found that they did not meet the experience requirements for the open-competitive examination for Administrative Analyst 3, Fiscal Management (S6858G), Statewide.

ACTION:

B-39 STEVEN ALLEN, ET AL.

Steven Allen, Calvin Gray, Sonya Jackson, Kathy McOwan, Kenneth Powers and Randolph Singer appeal the determinations of the Division of Selection Services that found that they did not meet the experience requirements for the promotional examination for Supervising Program Support Specialist (Assistance Programs) (PS6211K), Division of Family Development, Department of Human Services.

ACTION:

B-40 NABIL AYOUB, ET AL.

Nabil Ayoub, Nenebert Gonzales, John Kosciuch, Alkaben Shah, and George Williams appeal the determinations of the Division of Selection Services that found that they did not meet the experience requirements, or did not meet the experience requirements per the substitution clause for education, for the promotional examination for Project Engineer Local Aid (PS7742T), Department of Transportation.

ACTION:

B-41 ELISA A. BILLUPS, ET AL.

Elisa A. Billups, Lisa M. Calabrese, Kim A. Canulli, James J. Corbett, April G. Ford-Scott, Linda Holland, Shannon Lain, Karen T. Lovett, Delphinia McKinnis, Robert G. Moore, LaJuanna Morton, Danita Pierce, Cynthia Redus-Tarchis, Marlene Soliman, Brian P. Thatcher, Aileen E. Williams, and Tyrone Williams appeal the determinations of the Division of Selection Services which found that they did not meet the open-competitive requirements for the promotional examination for Administrative Analyst 1 (PS6212K), Department of Human Services.

ACTION:

B-42 LISA BIRGE-PRICE

Lisa Birge-Price appeals the determination of the Division of Selection Services which found that she was below the minimum requirements in experience for the promotional examination for Assistant Supervisor of Professional Residential Services (PS4753K), Department of Human Services.

ACTION:

B-43 CHRIS BOLGER

Chris Bolger appeals the determination of the Division of Selection Services which found that he was below the minimum requirements in experience for the open-competitive examination for Electrician (S0413G), State of New Jersey.

ACTION:

B-44 GERALD DELORENZO

Gerald DeLorenzo appeals the determination of the Division of Selection Services which found that he was below the minimum requirements in experience for the promotional examination for Administrative Supervisor of Income Maintenance (PC1072G), Mercer County Board of Social Services.

ACTION:

B-45 NICHOLAS A. DESANTIS

Nicholas A. DeSantis appeals the determination of the Division of Selection Services which found that he was below the minimum requirements in experience for the promotional examination for Senior Fiscal Analyst (PC0551G), Essex County.

ACTION:

B-46 RODNEY F. DONNELLY

Rodney F. Donnelly appeals the determination of the Division of Selection Services which found that he did not meet the experience requirements for the open-competitive examination for Program Development Specialist, Youth Services (M0870G), City of East Orange.

ACTION:

B-47 STEPHANIE M. HILL

Stephanie M. Hill appeals the determination of the Division of Selection Services which found that she was below the minimum requirements in experience for the promotional examination for Public Health Representative 1 (PS6102H), Department of Health and Senior Services.

ACTION:

B-48 JACQUELINE HOWES

Jacqueline Howes appeals the determination of the Division of Selection Services which found that she did not meet the experience requirements for the promotional examination for Principal Clerk Transcriber (PC1114G), Monmouth County.

ACTION:

B-49 JOSEPH NARDONE

Joseph Nardone appeals the determination of the Division of Selection Services which found that he was below the minimum requirements in experience for the promotional examination for Management Assistant (PS7184K), Commission for the Blind and Visually Impaired, Department of Human Services.

ACTION:

B-50 KEVIN D. PRATT

Kevin D. Pratt appeals the determination of the Division of Selection Services which found that he was below the minimum requirements in experience for the promotional examination for Truck Driver (PC0603G), Camden County.

ACTION:

B-51 SUSAN RUCKMAN

Susan Ruckman appeals the determinations of the Division of Selection Services which found that she was below the minimum requirements in experience for the promotional examinations for Deputy Director of Welfare (PC0291G), Mercer County Board of Social Services and for Director of Welfare (PC0293G), Mercer County Board of Social Services.

ACTION:

B-52 EUGENIA SONSTEIN AND KATHLEEN WEISEL

Eugenia Sonstein and Kathleen Weisel appeal the determinations of the Division of Selection Services which found that they did not meet the experience requirements for the promotional examination for Deputy Director of Welfare (PC0013G), Burlington County Board of Social Services.

ACTION:

B-53 ANTONIO ALTILIO

Antonio Altilio appeals his score and rank on the open-competitive examination for School Bus Driver (M9633G), Brick Township School District.

ACTION:

B-54 EDITH BAIR AND NANCY SCHMIDT

Edith Bair and Nancy Schmidt appeal their scores on the promotional examination for Secretarial Assistant 1 (Non-Stenographic) (PS5322J), Rowan University.

ACTION:

B-55 JOSEPH BUKOFSKY, ET AL.

Joseph Bukofsky, Joseph Buonavolonta, Robert Hodes, Elisha Ingram Jr., Thomas Kauffman, Michael Mondano, Michael Rizzo, Thomas Stuppiello and Alfred Thomas appeal their scores on the Sanitation Driver (PM0651G), Woodbridge Township promotional examination.

ACTION:

B-56 LIDIA CLAYTON

Lidia Clayton appeals her score on the promotional examination for Customer Service Representative 3 (PS5954T) and Customer Service Representative 2 (PS5952T), Motor Vehicle Commission.

ACTION:

B-57 LAKEERA DURDEN

Lakeera Durden appeals her score on the open-competitive examination for Security Guard (M0884G), Jersey City.

ACTION:

B-58 FRANK MEAD

Frank Mead appeals his score on the open-competitive examination for Carpenter (C6636G), Monmouth County.

ACTION:

B-59 ALBERTO OCASIO AND PAUL LEIDENFROST

Albert Ocasio and Paul Leidenfrost appeal their scores for the open-competitive examination for Public Safety Telecommunicator, State Police (S0206E), Department of Law and Public Safety.

ACTION:

B-60 ROBERT REALI

Robert RealI appeals his rank and score on the open-competitive examination for Maintenance Repairer (C6662G), Mercer County.

ACTION:

B-61 RICHARD RODRIGUEZ AND KATHY WIGGINS

Richard Rodriguez and Kathy Wiggins appeal their scores on the open competitive examination for Security Guard (M0884G), Jersey City.

ACTION:

B-62 MAYRA SOTO

Mayra Soto appeals her score on the promotional examination for Secretarial Assistant 3 (Non-Stenographic) (PS4359J), William Paterson University.

ACTION:

B-63 JILL POPPE

Jill Poppe appeals her failure of the promotional examination for Principal Clerk Typist (PS5604T), Motor Vehicle Commission, on the basis that she was not provided with a reasonable accommodation for her disability.

ACTION:

B-64 MARIA SERENI

Maria Sereni appeals the determinations of the Division of Selection Services which found that she was not eligible for the promotional examination for County Correction Lieutenant (PC2661G), County of Mercer, because her application was received after the closing date of the examination announcement.

ACTION:

B-65 SUSAN TOMASO

Susan Tomaso appeals the validity of the promotional examination for Principal Clerk Typist (PS5542N), Department of Labor and Workforce Development.

ACTION:

B-66 LEONARD YEARTY

Leonard Yearty appeals his disqualification from the promotional examination for Supervising Family Service Specialist 2 (PS5474K), Division of Youth and Family Services, Department of Human Services.

ACTION:

B-67 OLAKOREDE ELEGBEDE

Olakorede Elegbede, a former Cottage Training Supervisor at Green Brook Regional Center, Department of Human Services, represented by Sarah

Evans, Staff Representative, CWA Local 1040, appeals her resignation in good standing.

ACTION:

B-68 CARL FLANDERS

Carl Flanders, represented by Donald L. Klein, Executive Vice President, CWA Local 1040, petitions the Merit System Board to adjust his salary step and anniversary date.

ACTION:

B-69 MARITZA CURBELO

Maritza Curbelo, a former Human Services Specialist 1, Bilingual in Spanish and English with the Cumberland County Board of Social Services, represented by Tom Austin, Business Agent, UAW Local 2327, requests that the Merit System Board reinstate the appeal of her release at the end of the working test period, which was dismissed based on her failure to appear at a scheduled settlement conference.

ACTION:

B-70 ROBERT PATON

Robert Paton, a former Road Repairer with Union County, requests that the Merit System Board reinstate the appeal of his resignation not in good standing, effective January 14, 2003, which was dismissed on the basis of the appellant's failure to appear at his August 6, 2003 Settlement Conference hearing.

ACTION:

B-71 JUAN SANTIAGO

Juan Santiago, a former Police Officer with the City of Newark, represented by Anthony H. Guerino, Esq., requests that the Merit System Board reinstate

the appeals of his two removals, effective April 17, 2001 and May 25, 2001, which were dismissed on the basis of the appellant's failure to appear at his July 2, 2003 Settlement Conference hearing. The matter was held over from the February 8, 2006 Merit System Board meeting.

ACTION:

B-72 WILLIAM MALAYTER

The Superior Court, Law Division, has transmitted the case of *Malayter v. Township of Jackson* to the Merit System Board pursuant to *Melani v. County of Passaic*, 345 N.J. Super. 579 (App. Div. 2001), for a determination regarding William Malayter's entitlement to permanent status in the title of Plumbing Subcode Official and, in turn, his entitlement to a hearing regarding a 45-day suspension and his removal, effective December 7, 2004.

ACTION:

B-73 MERIT SYSTEM BOARD MINUTES

The Merit System Board minutes of its meeting of March 8, 2006 are submitted for adoption.

ACTION: